

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received December 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline Five, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, or call at (703) 681-0039.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* TRICARE Plus Enrollment Application, DD Form 2853 and TRICARE Plus Disenrollment Request, DD Form 2854; OMB Control Number 0720-0028.

*Needs and Uses:* These collected instruments serve as an application for enrollment and disenrollment in the Department of Defense's TRICARE Plus Health Plan established in accordance with Title 10 U.S.C. sections 1099 (which calls for a healthcare enrollment system) and 1086 (which authorizes TRICARE eligibility of Medicare Eligible Persons and has resulted in the development of a new enrollment option called TRICARE Plus) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Policy Memorandum to Establish the TRICARE Plus Program, June 22, 2001. The information collected hereby provides the TRICARE

contractors with necessary data to determine beneficiary eligibility and to identify the selection of a health care option.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,933.

*Number of Respondents:* 25,065

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Summary of Information Collection**

The Department of Defense established TRICARE Plus as an enrollment option for persons who are eligible for care in Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) and not enrolled in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Plus provides an opportunity to enroll with a primary care provider at a specific MTF, to the extent capacity exists. This is a way to facilitate primary care appointments at an MTF when needed. TRICARE Plus enrollment will help MTFs maintain an adequate clinical case mix for Graduate Medical Education programs and support readiness-related medical skills sustainment activities. In order to carry out this program, it is necessary that certain beneficiaries electing to enroll/disenroll in TRICARE Plus complete an enrollment application/disenrollment request. Completion of the enrollment forms is an essential element of the TRICARE program. There is no lock-in and no enrollment fee for TRICARE Plus.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2008-HA-0120]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity

announces a proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline Five, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206, or call at (703) 681-0064.

*Title and OMB Number:* DoD Patient Safety Survey; OMB Control Number 0720-0034.

*Needs and Uses:* The 2001 National Defense Authorization Act contained specific sections addressing patient safety in military and veteran's health care systems. This legislation stated that the Secretary of Defense shall establish a patient care error reporting and management system to study occurrences of errors in patient care and that one of the purposes of the system should be "To identify systemic factors

that are associated with such occurrences” and “To provide for action to be taken to correct the identified systemic factors” (Sec. 754, items b2 and b3). In addition, the legislation stated that the Secretary shall “Continue research and development investments to improve communication, coordination, and team work in the provision of health care” (Sec. 754, item d4).

In its ongoing response to this legislation, DoD implemented a Web-based patient safety culture survey to a census of all staff working in Army, Navy, and Air Force Military Health System (MHS) facilities in the U.S. and internationally, including Military Treatment Facility (MTF) hospitals as well as ambulatory and dental services. The survey obtains MHS staff opinions on patient safety issues such as teamwork, communications, medical error occurrence and response, error reporting, and overall perceptions of patient safety. The purpose of the survey is to assess the current status of patient safety in MHS facilities as well as to provide baseline input for assessment of patient safety improvement over time. Survey results will be prepared at the facility and Service levels and MHS overall.

*Affected Public:* Federal government; individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,384.

*Number of Respondents:* 14,022.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

###### *Data Collection Method*

The patient safety culture survey is administered as a web-based instrument to a census of all staff, both clinical and non-clinical, working in all U.S. and international MHS facilities. Potential respondents will receive a pre-notification letter followed by an e-mail survey notification containing an embedded hyperlink to the internet location where the survey can be completed. Two additional e-mail survey notifications will be sent, a week apart, so that the data collection field period will be four weeks for each Service. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. All survey responses are voluntary and will be individually anonymous; only group-level results will be tabulated to protect individual anonymity.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Defense Business Board (DBB) Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Business Board (DBB).

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 1:15 p.m., with a break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, Room 3E863, Washington, DC (escort required, see below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, *Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil*, (703) 695-7563. For meeting information please contact Debora Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, *Debora.duffy@osd.mil*, (703) 697-2168.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **(a) Background**

The mission of the DBB is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will deliberate on draft recommendations from four subcommittees: (1) The Defense Contract Audit Agency Independent Review Panel, (2) A Review of Capabilities Requirements, (3) Best Practices on Export Controls, and (4) Transition Topics.

##### **(b) Availability of Materials for the Meeting**

A copy of the draft agenda and any available materials to be presented at the October 23, 2008 meeting can be obtained from the Board's Web site at

<http://www.defenselink.dod/dbb> under “Meeting Materials.”

##### **(c) Public's Accessibility to the Meeting**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact Ms. Duffy at the number listed in this FR Notice no later than noon on Monday, October 20th to arrange a Pentagon escort. Public attendees are required to arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance by 8 a.m. and complete security screening by 8:15 a.m. Security screening requires two forms of identification: 1) A government-issued photo I.D., and 2) any type of secondary I.D. which verifies the individual's name (i.e. debit card, credit card, work badge, social security card).

*Special Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Duffy at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

##### **(d) Procedures for Providing Public Comments**

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session.

Written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, however, written comments should be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the address for the DFO given in this notice in the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, or Word format). Please note: Since the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

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